

# CENTENNIAL SOUVENIR.



" HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US. "

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1799 — AUGUST 11TH — 1899.

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CENTURY  
OF CHURCH LIFE.

First Congregational Church,  
....ELDRED, N. Y....

1799. August 11th, 1899.



"Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us,  
But unto Thy Name give Glory. "

## PRESENT OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

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REV. JOEL F. WHITNEY, Pastor.

HERBERT W. KYTE Clerk.

CHARLES, W. WILSON, Treasurer.

DEACON ISAAC SERGEANT, Supt. of Sunday School.

## DEACONS.

EDWARD B. WILSON,                   ISAAC SERGEANT,

WILLIAM H. AUSTIN.

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SAMUEL D. HOATSON,               -       DEACON W. H. AUSTIN.

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### List of Ministers of the Church.

Rev. Isaac Sergeant	-	-	-	1799—1805
Rev. Stephen Sergeant	-	-	-	1818—1826
Rev. Felix Kyte	-	-	-	1832—1878
Rev. J. T. Marsh	-	-	-	1879—1880
Rev. E. W. Fisher	-	-	-	1880—1883
Rev. J. E. Perine	-	-	-	1883—1884
Rev. H. P. Hamilton	-	-	-	1885—1888
Mr. J. R. Taylor	-	-	-	1888—1888
Rev. W. C. Wilcox	-	-	-	1888—1889
Rev. E. A. Smith	-	-	-	1889—1892
Mr. W. J. Stewart	-	-	-	1892—1892
Rev. Henry Smith	-	-	-	1892—1894
Rev. Geo. M. Rees	-	-	-	1894—1895
Rev. Joel F. Whitney	-	-	-	1896—

## List of Deacons of the Church.

Term Begun				Term Ended
1799	Iehabod Carmichael	-	-	†1829
1819	James Eldred	-	-	†1857
1819	Alexander Carmichael	-	-	†1860
1830	Daniel Wells	-	-	1848
1848	Samuel West	-	-	†1890
1849	Alfred Hartwell	-	-	1860
1849	Sears R. Gardner	-	-	1860
1849	Charles C. P. Eldred	-	-	†1890
1857	James K. Gardner	-	-	†1860
1860	William M. Mapes	-	-	1869
1860	Ethel B. Sergeant	-	-	†1884
1860	Robert M. Mapes	-	-	1869
1860	Edwin Hartwell	-	-	1879
1869	Edward B. Wilson	-	-	
1871	Daniel Picken	-	-	†1884
1880	James Gillespie	-	-	1885
1884	James MacIntosh	-	-	1890
1884	Alvah Sergeant	-	-	†1897
1890	William H. Kyte	-	-	†1896
1890	William Ruddick	-	-	1894
1890	Isaac Sergeant	-	-	
1897	William H. Austin	-	-	

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH.

"The First Presbyterian-Congregational Church of Narrow Falls," was organized August 11, 1799. The record is made as follows :

"Before the constitution the candidates for church-membership had four conference-meetings and passed repeated examinations to the satisfaction of one another; and also the articles of faith, and of church-government with the covenant were read and agreed to. The conference-meetings were held, the first on June first, the second on June second, the third on August seventh, the fourth on August tenth. Mr. Sergeant,\* minister, who had heretofore often visited us, was now present, who also was, by the members unanimously voted to act as moderator and clerk in all our meetings through the time of constituting. Every meeting was opened and concluded with prayer.

"Sabbath August 11, 1799, the church constituted and publicly consented to the articles as they were read to them, article by article, and solemnly entered into covenant with God and one another. After constitution, the church voted Ichabod Carmichael their deacon and he received his charge by Mr. Sergeant."

This was according to Quinlan the first religious society in the county of which we have any account.

The fourteen members of this church came together for

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\* Mr. Sergeant referred to above was Rev. Isaac Sergeant, of Ridgebury, N. Y. He organized what is now the Presbyterian Church of Ridgebury in 1792 and was pastor until 1795. He came to Sullivan County and preached at various points on the Delaware, during the years of 1797 and following. He also organized a church with eleven members at Coshethton (Cocheeton) in 1800. Seven of these appear to have become members of the Presbyterian Church when organized in 1812. His name appears on our record in 1823, when he preached twice. He was buried at Ridgebury, N. Y. In 1892 on the occasion of the centennial of that church a Monument was secured to mark his resting place and commemorate their Centennial.

their first communion, Sept. 8. This was at the house of Jeremiah Barnes. Eleven children were baptised at that service.

For several years Rev. Isaac Sergeant continued to visit the people of these regions and hold services at different points, administering the Sacraments and encouraging them to maintain their meetings. In 1803, a large meeting was held at Grassy Swamp. We quote from the records.

"Previous to this last Communion as above it was agreed upon by the churches of Narrow Falls and Coshethton to hold a great meeting at the time of the Communion, and to invite a number of ministers to attend.—The meeting to be held at Grassy Swamp, and to begin on Saturday, Sept. 10. Accordingly proclamation was given out very widely. On Saturday, Mr. Sergeant from Ridgebury, Mr. Jones from Chester, and Mr. Crane, from Blooming Grove came and a considerable number of people met. In the afternoon Mr. Crane preached and Mr. Jones exhorted.

" Sabbath morning people began to flock together from all quarters and continued so to do most of the forenoon, till by far the greatest number of precious souls were convened that ever was known in these parts upon any occasion whatever, supposed to be at least four hundred—a great number for these scattered settlements and the roughness of the roads.

" Mr. Jones preached the first sermon. After the sermon Mr. Sergeant prayed, then a hymn was sung, after this Mr. Crane preached a second sermon and made the last prayer. We then had an intermission of one hour. The assembly collected again in the afternoon. Mr. Sergeant presided at the communion table. The communicants consisted of nearly all of the members of the two churches of Narrow Falls and Coshethton. Full proclamation was made for all members of other churches of every denomination who held the essential sound doctrines of the Gospel, to come and

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commune with us freely. (Four candidates were then admitted and received the right hand of fellowship. The Sacrament was administered by Messrs. Sergeant and Jones). "After the communion the ministers, each gave an exhortation to the church and spectators. After the hymn Mr. Jones immediately rose and preached the third sermon, made the last prayer and dismissed the assembly with the blessing. God blessed us with two fair, sunshiny, pleasant days ; and we had a precious comfortable time.—a blessed meeting."

From this time on the records and traditions tell us of meetings here and there, now in some house, now in a barn, then in a sawmill, moving from place to place with the population. The central place of meeting previous to 1818 had come to be what was called the Denton Farm. Rev. Stephen Sergeant was invited to become the pastor of the church Nov. 13, 1818. His labors were greatly blessed and during his ministry, which lasted till 1826, one hundred and fifty were added to the church. Soon after his coming the more central place of meeting was at the house of James Fieldred, at Half Way Brook.

Many of the present generations have heard of those precious seasons of revival which followed. During the first year, Oct. 21, 1818 to Oct 12, 1819, there were forty-eight who joined the church. The year 1824 witnessed a still larger ingathering, the number being eighty-nine. By referring to the list of members you will find many whose names have been well known in connection with the history of our church and community. Of those who joined at that time, only one is living and still with us as a member, Mrs. Eliza Gardner, who confessed Christ June 15, 1823. She delights to recount the events of those days and tell of the meetings held at her father's. No wonder that the cause of Christ prospered when all the meetings were attractive

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and young and old came together at the appointed time and place, as did those who gathered at Deacon James Eldred's.

These men were not discouraged when left without a pastor, but continued to seek the welfare of the church until one came to them whose life is connected with nearly one half a century of the church's history.

Felix Kyte was born in Kent County, England, Jan. 20, 1800—only a few months after the birth of the church to which he was to minister. In 1875, at the request of friends, he published a "Narrative or Review of 43 years of Pastoral Labor." We will quote and condense from this Narrative to give glimpses of the history of those years. He was first called to visit this region by a letter from Dea. James Eldred, in the summer of 1832. He came "by the way of Newburgh; thence to Monticello, and from thence by a private hired conveyance, and was set down at the door of Brother Eldred's residence. This way, through Newburgh and Monticello, was at that time the only way of reaching Lumberland by public conveyance from New York, except that by steamboat up the North River to Rondout, and thence by slow travel of the canal to Barryville, taking nearly a week to reach there by that route from New York."

He spent four Sabbaths among the people resulting in a call to become their pastor. He was ordained by the New York Congregational Association, Sept. 30, 1832, moved with his family to Lumberland and preached his first sermon as their pastor Oct. 20. We quote again: "By the arrangement of the church on the start, I taught the district school at Halfway Brook, and spent half my time in preaching at Ten-Mile-River, walking every other Sabbath these 10 miles and back again, making 20 miles and preaching three times, *i.e.*, in the morning at Ten-Mile-River, in the afternoon at Beaver Brook, and in the evening at Halfway Brook, my home. But having frequent calls, on occa-



REV. FELIX KYTE.

sions of death, and there being no resident minister in this region at the time besides myself, I was soon compelled to relinquish the school on account of the interruption these calls gave to the duties of the school. At this time I had to meet all my appointments, in every direction, on foot. But after awhile a good brother, who was then a resident at Hagan Pond, but now dead, tendered me a horse that had become unfit, through age, for his business of lumbering (for lumbering at that time was the sole business of the country, there being scarcely a farm, worthy of the name, anywhere around.) The donor of this horse remarked that he would "take it out in preaching." Another friend supplemented this gift by presenting a "half-worn-out wagon of ancient style."

The Narrative gives us a glimpse of the fashions of that early day by telling that many of the good sisters, when they went to meeting, wore no hats at all, but "a clean and decent handkerchief thrown loosely over their heads."

The first two members admitted to the church under Mr. Kyte's ministry were Mr. John Owen and Miss Angeline Dickenson. His first wedding was Jan. 11, 1833. The parties were Mr. Jesse Doolittle and Miss Hulda Doring, the ceremony taking place in a log house belonging to Sears G. Tuttle, Esq. Of other weddings Mr. Kyte gives this summary :—" There are nine persons that I believe to be living, that I have married twice, and one that is now dead. There are several parents married by me of whom I have married of the children ; of one couple, four of their children ; of two couples, three of their children ; of another couple, two and of six other couples, one each. I scarcely know how I can best leave the impression on your minds as to the whole number that I have united in matrimonial bonds, though I have the figures correct. Were

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they all together they would make quite a congregation. The precise number up to this date is 253 couples."

The record of these weddings is preserved and should any one wish a copy of any of them, it can be seenred by writing to Felix S. Kyte, 26 Barclay street, N. Y.

The number of funerals attended he estimates at 353, the first being that of a child at Ten-Mile-River. He says :— " From that time to the last call, but a short time ago, it has been the providence of God towards me, that I should follow many to the grave, whither some, not long hence, may be called to follow me. As to the scenes accompanying a dying hour that I have witnessed, some have been very affecting and trying in the extreme, while others have been calm and peaceful, leaving behind a joyful hope of a future eternal rest. We have followed all ages to the grave. The infant of a few days, or no days at all ; the blooming youth those just entering upon manhood or womanhood ; those who have fallen by casualties of various kinds, by fire, by water, by explosion of steam, two by lightning. One who was drowned was taken to the grave on the very day that was set for his marriage. Many of these you have known when living. They have been of your own flesh and blood, your fathers, your mothers, your husbands, your wives, your children, your brothers, your sisters, those who have been in covenant bonds with you as disciples of Christ. Of many we have known the history and have viewed them as sheaves gathered for the granary of the Lord ; whose lives have not only been humble patterns of piety, but have been useful to others, by bringing them also to Christ. On speaking of these things the thought comes up to the mind with solemn reflection — what a throng would be before us, could we see all those we have followed to the grave rise up before us. And then the thought, how duty has been discharged toward them where there has been opportunity. Our privileges for Christian communion, not only in public

worship, but at the Lord's table have been many. The first ordinance of the Lord's supper held by this church as administered by me was Nov. 1832, and the number of times, up to this date, including occasional observances at Barryville and South Lebanon, have been 378, which would be more than a whole year of observances, counting one for every day. We speak of this as a remembrance of privileges that we have enjoyed, and if it bring to any of us a remembrance of lost opportunities, which we might and ought to have appreciated at the time, let the thought stimulate us to let no further privileges go unimproved. We have preached in log houses, lighted solely by the blaze of pine logs, heaped one on another, until the large fire place was completely filled with blazing material, sending its rays all over the room and causing those in attendance to defend their faces from the heat by their handkerchiefs and hands. And in one instance I commenced the meeting in darkness, where there was no light at hand, but ere we got through a single candle was brought. What a contrast! Now we have our places for gathering splendidly illuminated by lamps supplied with inflammable oils.

"In times past we sometimes preached in barns, and meetings were held in saw mills, and seats of the rudest benches that could be made, or perhaps nothing but slabs laid upon each other. Yet, even in such cases the word of God was listened to with relish and delight. But now we have comfortable, and often ornamental seats—whether we hear with the same relish as formerly I will not undertake to say. As to the amount of travel affected, to supply a preached word through these three adjoining towns, which formerly were embraced in one, and which, as most of you know, has been done mainly in the saddle, does by a fair estimation amount to 30,000 miles or more, enough to ride once and a quarter around the world."

At one time, by special request of the people, meetings

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were held in Woodtown, Pa., between Shohola and Milford. The congregation met in a private house, being called together by a common dinner horn.

The church at Barryville has shared in the labors of the beloved pastor. He speaks with kindly feelings of the favors received from time to time during this long pastorate. We would be glad to quote all his words, but have not space. He continued his labors until his failing health compelled him to give up many of his appointments. In 1878 he resigned, but the church did not accept his resignation, but voted to relieve him from being acting pastor, and tendered to him the office of Senior Pastor during his natural life. This action was taken July 3, 1878. On the 29th day of September following, after going with his son, Rev. Joseph Kyte, to Barryville in the morning he attended the evening services here at Eldred. He took part in the services, his son preaching. He was found after the services near the church door where God had spoken to him.

"He found the threshold of the Church he served  
The Portal of the New Jerusalem!"

We may fittingly close this sketch with his closing words in the Narrative : " May God hear my prayers for your welfare, and the success and well being of the churches and cause of God among you."

During the 46 years of his ministry 244 persons were received to this church, and 70 at Barryville, where a church was organized in 1836.

Our church edifice was erected in 1835. The frame was raised July 3 and the church dedicated, Nov. 12, 1835. The Church was incorporated in 1836, taking the name, " The First Congregational Church of Lumberland." Daniel Wells, Henry L. West, Richard C. West, Sears Gardner, Charles C. P. Eldred, Samuel C. Maney and James Eldred were the first Trustees. In 1878 the name was changed to Eldred.

After the death of Rev. F. Kyte, a parsonage was purchased in 1880, and a new house was erected in 1888. The Ladies' Auxiliary has secured a large part of the funds which

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have enabled the society to secure this desirable site and erect so good buildings.

Though the later pastorates have been brief they have not been unfruitful ; 111 have been received into fellowship since 1879, making a total of 530. In 1894, the Church at Glen Spey was organized, taking 20 members from us. We have also suffered great losses by the death of those who have been leaders in Church and society work. Our present membership as reported in the last Year Book, is 60, 13 of whom are absent.

It thus appears that our Church has a past. We also have an opportunity and what the close of another century shall record may depend largely on the work we shall do in the beginning of that century.

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## MINISTERS.

Rev. Stephen Sergeant was living in Michigan in 1861, but has since died.

Revs. J. T. Marsh, J. E. Perine and E. A. Smith are dead. The present addresses of the others are :

Rev. H. P. Hamilton, Branchport, N. Y.

Rev. J. R. Taylor, Earleville, Ill.

Rev. W. C. Wilcox, Umvoto, Natal, South Africa.

Rev. W. J. Stewart, De Peve, Wis.

Rev. Henry Smith, Cobleskill, N. Y.

Rev. Geo. M. Rees, Clayton, N. Y.

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## DEACONS.

We should be glad to give a fuller account than is possible of the Deacons of the Church. The list gives names and dates, so far as has been possible.

Ichabod Carmichael was the first Deacon, and maintained his interest in the church till the close of his life, 1829. His son, Alexander Carmichael, with James Eldred, were elected at the time of the removal of the church to Halfway Brook, now Eldred, in 1819, and after the death of Deacon Ichabod Carmichael, Daniel Wells was elected to this office. He removed from the place about 1848 and Samuel West was then elected. It was voted to increase the number of Deacons to six, in 1849, and those whose names appear at that date were elected to office at that time. It was also voted that these officers be elected for a term of six years instead of the indefinite period as formerly.

Hon. James Eldred and his son held this office for eighty-one continuous years, During eight of which they both held the office. Their names were often referred to during the centennial services and the village appropriately bears the name of these men. The former was member of Assembly in 1835 and the latter was postmaster forty years.

These men have given of their time and means to the church. The records show their attendance at the monthly church meeting, and their recorded service as members of committees and helpers in the work entitles them to remembrance as builders of the Church of God. Others who were not elected to these offices were equally zealous and bore their share of the burdens. You will hear their names mentioned with respect. If we could have the history of each and all it would be interesting. May their names enshrined in loving remembrance be cherished. May the unrolling of the records of Heaven reveal their names and work that they have wrought with God, and may He in whose keeping are all our ways answer their prayers, giving us the blessings they sought for our Churches.

### NAMES OF MEMBERS.

Those who constituted the church August 11, 1799, were as follows :

John Barnes.	Elizabeth Barnes.
Ichabod Carmichael.	Mercy Mason.
Asa Crane.	Phebe Carmichael.
Thomas Barnes.	Abigail Crane.
Henry Barnes.	Rebekah Barnes.
Jeremiah Barnes.	Elizabeth Barnes.
Nathan Barnes.	Elizabeth Gray. 14

**1801.**

James Reeves.	
Stephen Carmichael.	
Elizabeth Reeves.	
Alexander Carmichael.	4—18

**1803.**

James Carpenter.	
Lucy Carpenter.	
Anthony Gifford.	
John Carmichael.	
Joseph Drake.	
Elizabeth Drake.	
Anna Bishop.	7—25

**1818**

Reuben Hickok.	
Aaron Williams.	
Samuel Sealey.	
Henry Montgomery.	
Justus Hickok.	
Dorcas Carpenter.	
Mary Wells, [Hickok.]	
Catharine Vancuren.	
James Vancuren.	
Daniel Wells.	
Elizabeth Carmichael.	
Margarett Montgomery.	
Tabitha Wright.	
Polly V. Eldred.	
Betsey Hickok.	
James Eldred.	
Joseph Carpenter.	
	15—73
	1819.
Elnathan Corey.	
Francis Quick.	
Harvey Wheeler.	
Alexander Carmichael.	
Sally Eldred. (Carmichael)	
Rachel Quick.	
Sally Watkins.	
Anna Carpenter.	
Anna Sergeant.	
Sarah Mendus.	
Lydia Maney.	
Mary Ann Strong.	
Samuel Reeves Watkins.	
John Corwin.	
Henry Cadmas.	
	33—58

	1820.	
Mary Quick.		Eleanor Barnes.
Thomas Reeves.		Mary Clark.
Comfort Reeves.	3—76	Hannah A. Barnes.
	1822.	Seneth Case.
Mary Gardner.	1—77	Martha Land.
	1823.	Michael S. Stillwell.
Mary Wells.		John Wells.
Eliza Eldred. [Gardner.]		Samuel C. Tuthill.
Julian Hartwell.		Alfred Hartwell.
Sarah Hartwell.		Edwin Hartwell.
Harriet Eldred.	5—82	George T. Bishop.
	1824.	Illa E. Watkins.
Betsey Corey.		Morgan L. Sprout.
Easter Read.		Clarry Dickerson.
F. Allen Carmichael.		Eliza Watkins.
Thomas Clark.		James Maney.
Stephen B. Sergeant.		Samuel Maney.
Alexander Corner.		Marston Birdsley.
Haly Barnes.		Hiram Hanlon.
Jacob Stage.		William Martin.
Ethel B. Sergeant.		John Corey.
Daniel Case.		Thomas Clark.
Wilmot Clark.		Bethana Bishop.
John H. Elliot.		Syntha Vanaukin.
Hiram Riker.		Abigail Corey.
Sears Gardner.		Jane Purvess.
Charles C. P. Eldred.		William Wells.
Robert Montgomery.		Abbot Royce.
Hiram Montgomery.		Mangle Whelpley.
David Sergeant.		Eli Knapp.
John Gray.		Moses Clark.
Ivy Mills.		James K. Gardner.
Samuel H. Lake.		Marcus Stickney.
John Brown.		Robert Gardner.
Jeremiah Barnes Jr.		Fanny Terry.
Asa R. Hickok.		Eliza Terry.
Richard Riley.		Adeline Stickney.
Abraham Ingersol.		Mary Clark.
Martha Carmichael Stage.		Martha Clark.
Carmentha Allen.		Eliza Hartwell.
Letty Gardner. [Sergeant.]		Elizabeth Maney.
Charity Van Tuyl. (Brown.)		Amelia Skinner.
		Elizabeth Wells.
		Sears G. Tuthill.

	1824.	
Thomas Clark.		Elizabeth Carmichael.
Daniel Christie		Eliza Owen.
William R. Stokam.		Eleanor Fisher.
Samuel M. Jackson.		Dolly S. Williams.
Gabriel D. Hoyt.		Mary West.
Calvin Hoyt.		Thomas Williams.
— Hosier.		Elijah King.
— Steadman.		Julia Skinner. 17—201
Rhoda Clark.		1835.
Abigail Hoyt.		Phebe Jane Covert, [Maney]
Margaret Daley.		Sarah Alwood. 2—203
Catharine Keen.		1837.
Phebe Clark [Myers.]		Timothy West.
Thos. Wheeler.		Mary West. 2—205
Eunice Vanauken.	89—171	1838.
		Mary Owen.
1825.		Benj. W. Dennis.
Philander Hartwell.		Henry West.
Drusilla Finch Tuthill.		David Young.
Polly Gardner, (Austin).		Rachel Smith.
John Carpenter.	4—175	Phebe West.
		Sally Hickok.
1832.		Esther Rogers, [Webb.]
John Owen.		Hannah Wells, (Brittan.)
Augustine Dickenson.		Maria Wells.
Effie Van Tuyl, [Eldred.]		Margaret Howel.
Sarah Jane Van Tuyle, (Fuller.)		Amanda Osborn, [Bunce.]
Elizabeth Barber (Newton)	5—180	Susan Pool [Detricht.]
		Betsy Stickney.
1833.		Felix Kyte.
Daniel C. Skinner.		Eliza Kyte. 16—221
Salome Skinner.		1839.
Lucius Chamberlin.		Daniel Cornwall.
Asa Middaugh.	4—184	Jackson Quick.
		Harriet H. Carmichael, [Youngs.]
1834.		Elizabeth Cornwall.
Peter Dickerson.		Huldah Doolittle. 5—226
Polly Corey.		1840.
Samuel West.		Mary Myers.
[Sister] Owen.		Helen A. Calsbreath.
Mary Ann Cregier [Gardiner]		Hannah Madison.
John Dickerson.		Thomas Bruce.
Augustus Alonzo Austin.		James Austin.
Tjerck Ingram.		
Peter Woolly.		

1810.		1848.	
James E. Wells.		Jacob Watkins	1—269
Moses Myers.			1849.
Mehitabel Wells.		Nathaniel R. Higby	
Susan Austin.(Freeman.)		Orphy Jane Higby	
Sarah Stickney.		Martha Atkins	
William M. Mapes.		Eliza Corey	
Mary Mapes.		Daniel Ennis	
Julia Bunce, [Cox.]		Susannah Ennis	6—275
Garrett Hazen	14—240		1850.
		Sarah A. Austin	
1841.		Isaac Purdy	
Robert M. Mapes.		Julia Ann Carmichael	
Elizabeth Mapes.		Edward B. Wilson	
Jessie G. Maney.		George W. Eldred	5—280
Mary A. Eldred, [Austin].	4—244		1851.
		Hannah Conkling	
1842.		George Wright	
James Maney.		Elizabeth Wright	
Elizabeth Campbell, [Hulse].		Andrew Ferguson	4—284
Mary Starks.			1852.
Alexander Boyd.		Catharine Maney, [Van Tuyl]	
Bridget Tibbits.		Andrew Morrison	
Jacob D. Youngs.		Phebe Tuthill	
Catharine Dodge.		Sarah Tuthill	
Eliza Wheeler, [Owen].	8—252	Samuel Wheat	
		Prudence Wheat	6—290
1843.			1853.
Amanda E. Young,(King.)		Alexander R. Martin	
Absalom Young.		Polly V. Eldred. (Mapes)	
Isaac Tibbets.		Joseph Kyte	
Mary Barnes.		Elizabeth Taylor	
Susan Barnes, (Darling.)	5—257	Margaret Mills	
		Thomas Martin	
1844.		Lydia J. Carpenter	7—297
Mary Ann Tibbets.			1854.
Gabriel Mapes.		Sarah Ingersol	
Keziah Mapes.		Helen Martin	
Polly Mapes.		Mary E. Sergeant	
Eliza Amanda Bates.		Joseph Ferguson	
Elizabeth Eldred.		Mary A. Ferguson	
Julia Bunce.	7—264	Mary Pierson	6—303
1846.			
Nancy Young	1—265		
1847.			
Oscar T. West			
Harriet Wells			
Phebe Mapes	3—253		

	1855.	
David Hickok		William Andrews
Phebe Wilson	2—305	Mary Hartwell
		1859.
	1856.	Christina McMunn
Phebe Sergeant		Harriet E. Newcome
Alvah Sergeant		Isaac Sergeant
Caroline Sergeant		James G. Sergeant
Mary Hickok, [Stidd]		Rachel Brown
Wm. H. Kyte		Augusta Collard (Chapman)
Anne Ferguson	6—311	Elizabeth Mapes [Mattison]
		Henry Collard
	1857.	Jessie Halstead
Eliza J. Gardner		Charles M. Smith
Susannah Ingersol, (Knight)		James H. Collard
Catharine Van Pelt	3—314	Sally M. Collard
		Marietta West [Eldred] [Hoatson]
	1858.	Esther J. Ingersol
Rebecca C. Eldred		Eliza M. Ingersol
Felix J. S. Kyte		Andrew Crawford
Elizabeth Wilcox		16—359
John Fetter		
John Dwan		Melvina Clark
Bishop Hartwell		1861
Edwin Hartwell		1—360
Charles H. Aiken		Sarah M. West [Hausbrook]
George B. Aiken		1863
Louisa Hartwell		1—361
Matilda Aiken		
Abbe Fetter		Susannah Knight
Jennette Wheat		Jane West
Jane Gordon		1864
Aurelia Hartwell		2—363
Harriet Ferguson		Jane Gillespie
Julia Baker		James Gillespie
Mary Edwards		Jane Morrison
Esther Hartwell		1865
Mary E. Aiken		3—366
Cornelia Drake		
Clarissa Williams		Mary A. Ruddick
Mary Horton		Esther White
George E. Mapes		Jane Ann Myers
Thomas T. Mapes.		Eliza Cole [Heyen]
Sarah J. Mapes		Henrietta Weidley
Louisa Andrews		Ida Heyen, (Toaspern)
		Ebben DeWolf
	1866.	Lucy Barber
		Ophelia Carpenter
		Calvin F. Kyte
		10—376
	1867.	Robert McAndrew
		Samuel Ells
		Harriet Clark
		John Gillespie
		4—380

1868		1877	
James Ruddick		John Ozier	1—419
Elizabeth T. Kyte		Augustus Ozier.	
S. B. Leavenworth		John S. Van Norsdall	
Charlotte Leavenworth		William L. Payne	
Emma Austin		Mary C Payne	
Robert Morrison		Clara Clark, (Sergeant)	
John Martin	7—387	Charles Hickok	
1869		1879	
Emma Bolton, (Ely)		Margaret Ann Gillespie	
Caroline A. Auerswald		Agnes J. Gillespie [Wilson]	
Julia C. Wilson [Kyte]		Samuel R. Davis	
Frederick Regina Metzger		Anna Davis	
Gottlieb Metzger	5—392	Louisa Grace Markle	
1870		Annice Owen	12—431
Justin S. Cacks			
Daniel Picken			
Mrs. Danisl Pickin	3—395		
1874			
Frank I. Newcome			
Annie E. Wilson [Abendroth]			
Sarah J. Eldred [Wait]			
Wm. H. Whitney			
Mary A. Whitney			
Eugenie A. Whitney			
M. Alice Whitney [Kyte]			
John O. Whitney			
Sherman S. Leavenworth			
Young Kilpatrick			
Ella Clark			
Mary Mills [Wait]			
Lottie Myers [Darling]			
Elizabeth Owen, (Thompson)			
William J. Wait			
John Glines			
Edward F. Wilson			
Sarah L. Wilson	18—413		
1876			
Mrs. D. A. Whitman			
Margaret Covert			
Margaret MacKenzie [Telfer]			
essie Kidd			
Mary McAndrew	5—418		
1880			
Henrietta J. Crawford			
Victoria De Silva		2—433	
1881			
Robert Telfer			
Marjorie MacKenzie (Goldsmith)			
Elizabeth J. MacKenzie, (Gay)			
Donald MacKenzie			
Rev. E W Fisher			
Laura Fisher			
Christina Mills [Wilson]	7—440		
1882			
William B Ruddick			
Maggie Ann Ruddick			
Emma E Ruddick			
Aida A Austin			
Janette Y Morgan			
Annabella McDonald			
Mary Adelaide Wilson [Hull]	7—447		
1883			
Emma Prange			
James MacIntosh			
Hannah MacIntosh			
Lewis Ross			
Isabella Ross			
Agnes J Ruddick			
Anna A Prange			
John E. Perine			
Mary J Perine			
Julia M Johnston		10—457	

1884		1891	
Charles E Mapes	1—458	Alice E Steele	
		John Bradley	
		Helen Doolittle	
Rev H P Hamilton		Belle A Ruddick	
S A Hamilton	2—468	Mrs ——— Stewart	5 498
			1891
		Charles W Wilson	
James Eldred, Jr		Samuel D Hoatson	2 500
Frank R Sergeant			1893
James W Sergeant		Henry Smith	
Geo W Hamilton		Ida C Smith	
John W Hamilton		Charles C Racine	
Ella G Hamilton		George Stewart	
Elizabeth Hoatson [Clark] [Wilson]		Addie W Parker	
Mary D Hoatson		S Lulu Myers	
Elizabeth Hardcastle [Eldred]		Sadie De Silva	
Alma L Kelly		Mary A Kyte	
Emma Myers		Eliza C. Eldred	
Anna Maier		Elizabeth Starritt	10 510
Charles C R Metzger *	13 473		1893
		Mary Stewart	
Libbie Sergeant	1 474	Geo M Rees	
		Maggie Rees	
Alonzo A Austin		George Beck	
Henry Ladore Austin		Alexina Wilson	
Martha J Hulse		Maggie Woods	
Geo McC Clark		Fannie L Steele	
Annie A MacKenzie (McCord)		Myra Steele	
Charlotte E Maney		Elva Steele	
Lizzie M Gillespie (Mills)		Floyd McKechnie	10 520
Sarah M Gillespie	8—482		1895
		Mary Turner	
William Ruddick		Ida Dailey	
Lillie Ruddick		Violetta Van Gordon	
Herbert L Eldred		Lulu Beck	4—524
Lewis Goldsmith			1896
George MacKenzie		Joel F Whitney	
Sarah E Wormouth		Louisa M Whitney	
William H Austin		Edward F Whitney	
Rev E A Smith		Mary Etta Whitney	
Mary E Smith		Herbert W Kyte	6—529
Emily Smith			1897
Mary A Steele	11—493	Letty Justina Sergeant	1—530

## 1799 — AUGUST 11 — 1899.

By Miss Florence Grace Beck of Eldred.

Our Church ! A thousand loving memories  
Some sweet—some bitter—but all tender, cling  
About thy modest image in our hearts.

A simple church, yet still our praise we bring ;  
Just “two or three,” but “gathered in His name,”  
Striving to find the right through good or ill,  
And, finding it, to do it with our might,  
Knowing it is His will.

A century has faded since thy birth,  
Sunshine and shadow, mists and hopes and fears—  
Doubtings, and glorious triumphs of thy faith  
Have marked the passing of those hundred years.  
Since that bright day when dauntless energy  
And mighty faith inspired that little band—  
Just thirteen “friends to Jesus”—to unite,  
How rich the blessings scattered by His hand.

How bitter, too, the sorrows He has sent,  
No less in blessing, tho' in dark disguise.  
Only those loved disciples who have known  
His chastening can tell. Today our eyes  
Grow moist in sympathy and loving pride,  
As, through the mist of years, we call to mind  
The story of that small devoted band.  
No church had they nor hall of any kind,  
Only a simple room, prayer-sanctified.  
Now here—now there—as in the olden days,  
The Master’s presence made the humblest homes  
Temples of prayer and praise.  
Though now this church, for three-score years and four,  
Guarding our little “village of the hills,”  
Has sent her sweet-voiced invitation forth,  
Calling to worship “whosoever wills”

And steadily the faithful number grew—  
Ten, twenty miles they came to hear the Word,  
And in communion to confess that Name  
Whose reverent praise the listening forest heard .  
The forest—for within that giant heart  
Of murmurous worship, they had made their home,  
And when its yielded treasures all were given,  
Still nobler growths then tempted them to roam

Farther and farther, but they bore with them  
 The tabernacle of their faith. Long years  
 Houseless and shepherdless the church lived on,  
 Steadily gaining strength, despite the fears  
 And difficulties of the place and time.

*Housless, not homeless.* In such loyal hearts  
 The truest sanctuary of our God  
 Is found ; and He who strength imparts

For every need, Himself their guide and friend.  
 Surely 'twere idle to repeat those names  
 (Many of them are known and honored still  
 Among us) which to day our interest claim  
 You know them all : and better far you know  
 Their histories than tongue of mine can tell.  
 We need no words to wake in loving hearts  
 The memory of that good old man who fell

So peacefully "on sleep" that summer eve.  
 His ministrations ended—among men—  
 He found the threshold of the church he served  
 The portal of the New Jerusalem !  
 All honor to his memory ! All praise  
 To those who came before him and to those  
 Who, as the years sped on, from time to time,  
 Have spent a season with us : some to close

Their life-work here among our pine-sweet hills :  
 Some to begin it : others in their prime  
 Of man's ambitious strength, to seek the fields  
 Of wider labor in a little time.  
 All honor and all praise ! But not to these  
 The warmest tribute of our hearts today,  
 Is given, but to those true hearted ones  
 Who dared so much in their own steadfast way

With zeal unfailing, and with earnest faith  
 They faced discouragements we cannot know.  
 And rose above them, grandly triumphing,  
 The heroes of our Church's long ago !

CENTENNIAL HYMN. \*

For the Congregational Church, Eldred, N. Y.—By Miss Charlotte Chambers Hall of New York City.

1799—AUGUST 11—1899.

PSALM 115 : 1.

TUNE, DUKE STREET.

Not unto us, but to Thy name—

    Not unto us, the glory be !

Thy mercy to our fathers came,

    We worship and we praise but Thee.

Before Thy holy throne we bow,

    Forgive our sins for Thy name's sake,

Reveal Thyselv unto us now

    O Lord, this church, Thy dwelling make.

Through these one hundred years of grace,

    Thou, Lord, has been the help, the shield :

In forest-homes Thy church had place,

    By forest-streams Thy word was sealed.

Our fathers put their trust in Thee,

    Thy grace sustained them to the end.

Let us re-consecrated be,

    That Thou, Thy blessing mayest send.

Baptise with Pentecostal zeal

    Thy waiting people in this place :

With seeking souls in mercy deal,

    That many here may find Thy grace.

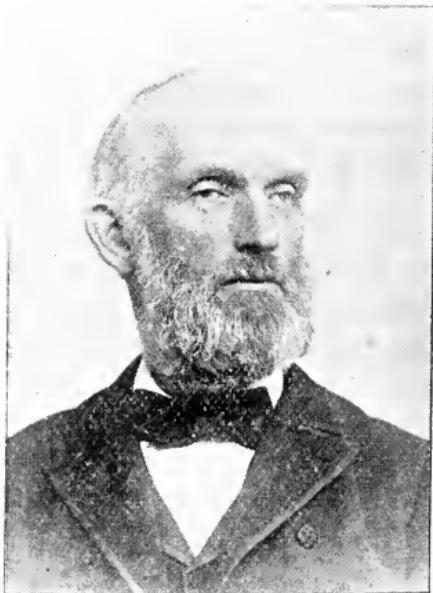
With all below who love Thy name—

    With saints above, the radiant host,

One Ebenezer-song we frame,

    Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

\*Dedicated to Mrs. Eliza Gardner, Barryville, Sullivan County, N. Y., widow of Judge James K. Gardner and daughter of Hon. James Eldred.



REV. JOEL FISK WHITNEY.

## Centennial Services.

At two o'clock, Friday, the church bell rang out its joyous welcome to the Centennial Services. Within the Church, over the pulpit, the organ and the walls, the wild clematis, with full clusters of flowers and graceful foliage, was artistically draped, while evergreens wreathed the three mottoes.

Old comrades and kindred, long separated, joined in singing the Centennial Hymn of Praise. Rev. S. O. Rusby of the M. E Church, led the devotional exercises and words of welcome were spoken by the pastor.

At the children's hour, passages of Scripture were repeated relative to the Church, by the following boys and girls. Arthur Wilson, Alfred Hutchings, Wesley Morgan, Georgie Clark, Julia Wilson, Mabel Turner, Lena Dailey and Minnie Sergeant. The last one named is a descendant of Rev. Isaac Sergeant. Her father, Deacon Isaac Sergeant, has been Sunday School Superintendent for more than 30 years. There were many other descendants of those pioneers present.

Miss C. C. Hall spoke of the motto, telling them how to glorify God. Felix J. S. Kyte told of his boyhood recollections. He told of his coming, when three years old, in 1832, on the canal, of his brother Thomas' learning to call out the warning to those standing, "B'idge ahead." His account of the beginnings was listened to with interest.

Mr. Jacob Stage, now 96 years old, was present. He remembers having seen Deacon Ichabod Carmichael, one of the first members.

Stephen St. John Gardner spoke for his mother, now 84 years young. "If I were 30 years younger I would walk up to Eldred, even in a storm, if I might see the same spirit of love there now that I saw in those early days."

Mr. Gardner spoke feelingly of his remembrance of those who used to worship here, picturing them as they sat so that we could almost see them again as they listened to the word, sang God's praise and studied the Bible.

Deacon Edward Wilson, in his gentle way, told the children, "I was 17 years old when I first went to Sunday School and learned that verse "God so Loved the World," etc.

Rev. Joseph Kyte told how the people treated the minister's family. He remembered going to Mr. Covert's, at Glen Spey, where they were feasted on what they supposed to be "roast beef," but found it was "bear meat."

Rev. A. E. Austin spoke of his efforts to teach the little Indians of Alaska of the love of Jesus.

After a brief intermission spent in looking at pictures of those who used to be here, the audience listened with interest to further reminiscences of the years gone by, telling of the trials of those who were the pioneers.

At the evening services letters were read from some of the former pastors and others, regretting their inability to be present and bidding us God speed in the work.

Miss Beck recited the poem "Our Church." A historical sketch was read by the pastor. Others who had spoken before paid further tribute to those fathers and mothers of long ago. The closing hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds" was sung and the audience dismissed with the benediction.

Rev. Joseph Kyte preached on the Sabbath. His text was Eph. 5: 25-27, "Christ loved the Church and gave himself for it. \* \* \* \* \* that he might present it to himself, a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish." His sermon was a pointing to incidents in the history of this church, which "makes links in the chain of God's kindness, or threads in the weaving of His loving care."

He gave this tribute : " So far back as I can remember this band of believers, I am proud to say, I never have known more devout and faithful Christians than they." He closed with these words from I Kings, 8; 57, 58, "God be with us, as He was with our fathers. Let Him not leave us nor forsake us, that He may incline our hearts unto Him to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments, and His statutes and His judgments."

After the close of the regular service the most tender, loving and helpful service of all was held. All felt the thrill of the spiritual uplift. New resolves were made, faith was strengthened and all felt " It was good to be there."

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The present pastor is a native of Wadham's Mills, N. Y. He was ordained in 1871, going the same year to Micronesia as a foreign missionary, and returned to this country in 1881. Since that time he has held pastorates at various places in New York and Vermont, and came here in 1896. As many of the speakers have said, so I would say : " All I have been able to become and accomplish I owe under God, to my mother, who consecrated me in infancy to this work of the Lord."





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